

FERNALD CITIZENS TASK FORCE

A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SITE-SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes from April 8, 1995 Meeting

The Fernald Citizens Task Force met from 8:40 a.m. until 12:23 p.m. on April 8, 1995, at the Joint Information Center, 6025 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, Ohio. The meeting, which was advertised in local newspapers, was open to the public; time was reserved for accepting public comments.

Members Present: John Applegate
Jack Craig, DOE (for Phil Hamric, DOE)
Pam Dunn
Guy Guckenberger
Darryl Huff
Gene Jablonowski, U.S. EPA
Graham Mitchell, Ohio EPA
Jerry Monahan
Tom Rentschler
Bob Tabor
Thomas Wagner
Gene Willeke

Members Absent: James Bierer
Marvin Clawson
Lisa Crawford
Constance Fox
Phil Hamric, DOE
Warren Strunk

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Attending: Ken Morgan, DOE Ohio Field Office

Task Force Staff: Doug Sarno, consultant
Judy Armstrong
Ruth Triplett
Chris Varner

sentence is misleading when it states "All members of the Task Force live and work in communities that are impacted by the decisions made at Fernald, and eight out of 14 live and work in the direct vicinity of the site." He thought the word AND should be replaced by the word OR in both places of the sentence.

Guy Guckenberger moved to reword the recommendation for the clarity that Huff suggested, and several Task Force members seconded the motion. The Task Force voted unanimously to change the sentence.

3. Site Priorities Draft Recommendation Discussion:

Applegate shifted the discussion to cleanup priorities, calling attention to the handouts of the draft priorities recommendation document. (The Task Force had received a draft of the document in the mail and was asked to send comments to Doug Sarno before this meeting. One version of the draft document showed the original draft document with the changes marked, and the other was a single spaced version with everyone's comments incorporated into the text.) Applegate recognized FERMCO Executive Vice President, Mike Yates, who was attending the meeting to answer budget questions.

To start the discussion, Doug Sarno reviewed graphs showing the 7 and 10 year budget scenarios. The draft recommendation calls for accelerated remediation under the 7 year scenario and recommends actions to make this scenario work. Sarno pointed out that both the 7 and 10 year plans reduce overall costs and are obviously faster than the 25 year scenario.

Pam Dunn asked if this scenario included 3 shifts a day for 7 years? Yates answered that only rarely are 3 shifts needed other than for the vitrification plant. He also said the 7 year scenario included the cost of the groundwater cleanup within those 7 years.

Yates stated that the 7 year plan has some time risks. The schedule is very tight, especially with planning work. Also, the requirement to conduct Operational Readiness Reviews (ORR) in accordance with DOE Orders will likely slow things down. FERMCO has not yet had to conduct an ORR.

Tom Rentschler suggested that the recommendation go to Secretary O'Leary. Applegate agreed that it was time to address the recommendation to the people who make specific decisions for the site.

Sarno said that the rationale behind choosing the 7 year scenario as the basis for the formal recommendation is to send a strong message to DOE Headquarters that the time is right for action.

Rentschler said that he wanted to add the language "a window of opportunity exists for a win-win situation for Fernald and DOE." Everyone agreed that conditions are right for Fernald to become a prototype for successful DOE remediation. Specifically, Fernald's RI/FS studies are nearing completion and the Fernald project is a manageable size.

After more rewording and discussion, Rentschler made a motion to adopt the recommendation as amended. The Task Force unanimously approved the amended recommendation, and voted to transmit the recommendation to Secretary O'Leary and Assistant Secretary Grumbly personally with a request for a response on a specific date.

4. Discussion on Future Use Recommendation:

Applegate guided the meeting to the future use issues with a recap of past Task Force decisions. He stated that two constraints on future use previously developed by the Task Force are no new agricultural use, no residential use, and the existence of a disposal facility. He said that there was no new information other than the second opinion report on the risk of grazing at the site that the Task Force had requested from the Georgetown Risk Group in Washington, D.C..

Jerry Monahan asked if the report should be interpreted that the study by DOE was not very good? Doug Sarno said that the report basically said that DOE results appeared adequate to show little risk from grazing, but that more data would be useful.

Applegate asked the Task Force if the release of property that is not part of the cell or the buffer zone were a good idea.

With that question in mind, Sarno recapped what the Task Force had decided previously, 50 ppm total uranium in soils for off-site property and 100 ppm total uranium in soils for on-site property, and no new agriculture use and no residential use on site. He also reviewed the

disposal facilities in Ohio, which also discusses access controls and environmental monitoring zones.

Applegate suggested that this discussion was more appropriate during the Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) stage of cleanup, and shifted the discussion to the effect of the buffer zone on future land use. Sarno said that the land outside of the cell area is available for any kind of use, except the previous decided residential and agriculture restrictions. He said the Task Force could now be more specific on future land use inside the buffer zone and outside the cell area.

Gene Willeke suggested that the only real reason for the buffer zone is to protect the cell itself, and that 300 feet was more than adequate.

Sarno said that beyond this distance, land could be available for other uses with more restrictive uses with closer proximity to the cell. Applegate agreed, saying that some use should be allowed, otherwise there was no point in spending huge sums of money for remediation.

Pam Dunn suggested that Native American remains found should be considered, and a place for them should be made available on the site.

Guy Guckenberger said he had a problem with going too far with land use decisions without more input from local real estate people about the sewage and water capabilities of the site. Gene Willeke and Tom Wagner agreed. Wagner brought up that the area around Fernald will probably develop significantly in the next 25 years, and that the land could potentially be used in the future.

Gene Jablonowski suggested that the Task Force recommend what can't be done rather than what will be done, which Applegate said is in keeping with the Task Force's idea that specific economic reuse and development plans are for another day and perhaps another group.

Applegate asked if there were any comments from the audience? When there were no further comments, he recapped the discussion stating that progress had been made on the kind of recommendation to make. Future use recommendations would focus on concentric uses allowing greater use farther from the cell. The Issues regarding specific land use decisions were better made by some future group.

Gene Willeke said that the transitional use issue still needed to be discussed, such as grazing during construction, particularly in light of the accelerated schedule.

- Draft Recommendation To Establish Site Priorities And Accelerate Remediation At Fernald 4/7/95
- Future Use Issues, 4/8/95
- Memorandum on Grazing Risks
- Draft Final Report Outline, 4/6/95

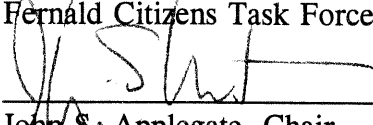
7. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the full Task Force is the regularly scheduled monthly meeting on May 6, 1995, at 8:30 a.m., at the Joint Information Center in Fairfield, Ohio.


The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Approved May 6, 1995

I certify that these minutes are an accurate account of the April 8, 1995, meeting of the Fernald Citizens Task Force.


John S. Applegate, Chair,
Fernald Citizens Task Force

5/12/95
Date


Ken Morgan
Deputy Designated Federal Official

5/9/95
Date